

## **SDF Executive Committee Meeting**

Venue: Zoom and conference calls via WhatsApp

Date: Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> 2024

Start time: 17.30pm GMT (Gambian time)

### **Agenda**

1. Opening prayers
2. Recognition of attendees
  - Omar Janneh
  - Bakary J. Sonko
  - Omar Sanneh
  - Lamin (Nani) Sonko
  - Alieu Cham
  - Kemo Sonko
  - Sima Camara
  - Lamin Famoro Sonko
  - Pa Sanyang
  - Saikou Lamin
  - Pa Saikou Sonko (Paringho)
  - Bamalang Janneh
  - Satang Sanneh
3. Recognition of apologies
  - Omar N R Sonko
4. Review and adopt the minutes of meeting on September 1
  - Minutes adopted
5. Report on action points from ECM of June 23 and September 1
  - 5.1 *Fundraising concert (Action Point 4 from June 23 ECM)*

Several names were prosed, and it was agreed that Alieu Cham, Omar Janneh and Satou Gassama would reach out to those individuals to inquire about their willingness to serve on the Organising Committee
  - 5.2 *Pending Action Points from September 1 ECM*
    - **Action point 3: Community Health Nurse**
      - o Bamalang updated the meeting that his contact at the Ministry of Health requested to review the Grade 12 and Nurse Attendant (NA) certificates of the scholarship applicant to assess her eligibility for the CHN programme. It was agreed that Bamalang would provide these documents to his contact and report back to the Executive Committee.

**Outcome:** At the time of writing, Bamalang shared the certificates with his contact and the outcome is that the candidate failed to achieve the required passes in her grade 12 exams. Therefore, she cannot proceed to study CHN at the School of Nursing.

- **Action point 6:** Transfer of Land for the Garden and Clinic
  - Pa Saikou Sonko informed the meeting that the transfer of the garden plot has been completed. However, the transfer of the clinic plot has been delayed due to an error in the transfer document, which has since been corrected. Approval from the district chief is pending.
- **Action point 7:** Annual subscriptions
  - A few additional individuals have paid their annual subscriptions, and Lamin Famoro will deposit the funds into SDF account.
- **Action point 8:** Support from Rotary Club Colorado
  - Bakary J Sonko reported that while there is an MOU between the Rotary Club Banjul and the Rotary Club Colorado, it still needs to be formalised and signed by both parties. The project will be designated a global initiative, which could attract USD30000 in funding (USD15000 from Rotary International and USD15000 from Rotary Club Colorado).

Bakary J Sonko will give a project presentation at the Rotary Club Colorado. For this, pictures and videos showcasing the village, the garden and interviews with the women will be needed. The committee agreed that the women should be sensitised before the interviews.

6. The school kitchen and lack of chairs  
Pa Bojang will discuss the issue with the School Committee and provide feedback at the next executive Committee meeting.
7. Application for SDF-sponsored Nursing programme  
Discussed earlier under Action Point 5.2
8. Submission of proposed clinic plan to the Regional Director of Health.  
The plan has not been submitted yet, and Kemo will follow up on this.
9. Appreciation for the support given by the architect to the Clinic Project  
It was agreed that we should come back to this once the plan has been approved by the Health Authorities.
10. Matching grant to Roots  
To be followed up by Omar NR Sonko/lamin Famoro.
11. SDF-website

Omar Janneh and Bakary J Sonko will contact Mansour to see if he can help us with the website and how much he would charge.

12. AOB

No additional items were discussed